

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : National Stage Entry of PCT/JP03/08194  
          : U.S. Serial Number 10/518,030  
Applicant : Toshiko YOKOTA et al  
Filed     : December 15, 2004  
TC/A.U.   :  
Examiner  :

Docket No. : 2922-482  
Customer No. : 6449  
Confirmation No. :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before calculation of the filing fee and examination of the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.